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Applicant: Eiji HIRAI et al.

Title: ROLLING ELEMENT FOR A CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION (CVT), A CVT USING THE ROLLING ELEMENT AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE ROLLING ELEMENT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 13, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment because it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: